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VOL. I.

TO ALL THAT VALUE THEIR SIGHT.

WISHES TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF all who are afflicted with defective vision, to the fact that the eye is a delicate and intricate organ, and that the slightest defect in its structure or function will result in a loss of vision. The eye is the most important of our senses, and it is of the utmost importance that it should be kept in perfect health. The eye is the most delicate of our organs, and it is of the utmost importance that it should be kept in perfect health. The eye is the most delicate of our organs, and it is of the utmost importance that it should be kept in perfect health.

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OUR FOREFATHERS' HOME.

TO BE READ AT THE OLD HOME.

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O, the old Plymouth Rock, where our forefathers knelt,
Where their breath'd forth the prayer, where they read
From God's page,
Which, if studied in youth, is an anchor to age—
Our hearts, amid all changes, wherever we roam,
With delight will remember our forefathers' home.
The land of our sires, our forefathers' home,
God bless, 'mid all changes, our forefathers' home.

'Tis our beloved home, where our mothers reside,
And all whom we love and most value beside;
'Tis God's chosen land, where His Bible is read,
Where His gospel is preached and His table is spread.
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With joy will remember our forefathers' home,
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'Tis a Protestant land—our brave fathers unfurled
The banner of Freedom o'er this Western world;
And Protestant children will ever contend
For the faith which their forefathers died to defend;
That faith which reposes on Jesus alone,
The One Mediator, their sins to atone!

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To the God of our fathers we'll sing a new song!
Praise the Lord, O my soul, praise him all the day long!
For the word that He's spoken, His promise is true,
His covenant and His kindness forever endure.
We'll love Him and serve Him on earth till we die,
And trust in Christ Jesus to praise Him on high!

In that happy home, in that happy home,
Where there are no changes—that eternal home.

MISCELLANEOUS.

From the Southern Literary Messenger.

LOSING AND WINNING.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE COTTAGE OF GLEN."
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